

Temple Beth Or Bulletin

A VIEW FROM THE BIMAH

February 2016 ~ Sh'vat/Adar I 5776



“Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me!”

Remember that response to schoolyard taunts? We kids were quick to call each other names: nerd, or jock; preppie or freak, or sometimes far worse. They were often quite clever, some even stuck as affectionate nicknames into adulthood, but more often were meant to be hurtful. “Sticks and stones,” we would recite – and maybe throw in a taunt or two of our own.

Labels sometimes hurt, but almost always misrepresent, and we use them as adults at least as much as we used them as kids. Sometimes labels are used to paint not just an individual, but a whole group, even a whole culture, often with intentional spillover into the political realm. We Jews have a long history of knowing what it is to be labeled, and how easily the taunts we throw can morph into something far worse.

I write this column on January 20 – Inauguration Day – and think about how our political consciousness and attitudes are colored by the labels we use. Some of them are clever indeed. Remember “Moral Majority,” introduced by Jerry Falwell in 1979 and intended to associate the Christian right with the Republican Party? The labeling was brilliant, because it

implied that everyone else was somehow immoral. We hear liberals accuse conservatives of being “reactionary” or “Neanderthal,” or maybe “McCarthyites” and “hawks,” while there are those who can’t voice the word “liberal” without adding the prefix “pointy-headed” or “flaming.” There are talk show hosts who almost invariably refer to anyone with environmental concerns as “tree-huggers,” or as “eco-terrorists,” and those who support liberal causes as “radiclibs.”

Or take the term “Pro-life.” We understand that our society covers a broad spectrum of religious and political beliefs, and that there are legitimate differences in how we view the role of government in making decisions on an issue such as abortion. But “Pro-life” implies that opponents of “Pro-lifers” are pro death. Those who argue for a woman’s right to make the difficult decision to abort are not pro death, or even pro abortion, but the intellectual argument over legitimately different points of view is completely lost in the emotional response of the label.

In this era of instant communication, sound bites and tweets, it’s easy to toss around simplistic labels as if they’re hand grenades, and they have become crucial weapons in the political warfare that dominates life on Capitol Hill. But even as we know that they distort and deliberately oversimplify, it’s all too easy to be swayed by them. And like

the broad paintbrush that is characteristic of prejudice, labels do a tremendous injustice to complex, nuanced ideas, and make compromise that much more difficult.

Perhaps the use of labels is just endemic to modern society. But I submit, as we enter the election season in earnest, that we have an obligation not just to avoid labeling each other, but to search beyond and behind the labels we use for the substance of the programs and policies on which we are being asked to vote.

Elliot Stevens

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Saturday, February 20
Shabbat Morning Service
Saturday morning, February 20,
Rabbi Stevens will lead a Shabbat
morning service. Service will run from
9:30 – 11:15 a.m. and include Torah
study and a light brunch.

**Celebrating Our
163rd Year**



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or inaccuracies in the bulletin.*

**Birthday and
Anniversary
Blessings on
February 5th.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, if it's February, it must be Food Festival time! I am not sure that any of us could have imagined at the inaugural Food Festival in 2004 that we would still be going strong in 2016. How does one explain it? Simply put – an incredibly dedicated core of volunteers who continue to step up and work like crazy for months to make sure the Food Festival is successful and a wonderful congregation who show up to work the day of and warmly welcome our friends and neighbors who come to support us and enjoy delicious food and pre-loved treasures. We may be small in number, but we accomplish amazing things.

It is always risky listing people to thank because invariably someone is left off and there is the chance of causing hurt feelings which is the exact opposite of what is intended, but I am going to chance it anyway because Temple Beth Or is so fortunate to have the help of these very dedicated people:

- Chair of Food Festival - Jenny Ives (doing the job yet again!)
- Kitchen leaders - Steve Schloss & Bruce Lieberman
- Kitchen co-chairs – Phil Bernstein & Pete Ginsburg
- Food line expeditors – Jeff Blitz, Steve Wallace & John Ives
- Meat cook, prep & slice – Steve Schloss, Phil Bernstein & Pete Ginsburg
- Deli plate/sandwich prep – Jim Levy
- Quajado – Bette Sue Strasburger
- Hot Dogs – Gina Friday
- Cabbage rolls – Karen & Bruce Lieberman
- Kugel – Kelly Capouya
- Latkes – Susan Bernstein
- Bakery chair – Susan Finklestein
- Sukkah construction – Alan Weil, Jr
- Publicity – Milt Livingston
- Signs – Scott Harris
- Volunteers – Karen Goldstein
- Corporate solicitation/sponsors – Lisa & Andy Weil
- Tickets – Morris Capouya
- Treasure market, collectibles & furniture – Pat Dees & Alan Weil, Sr
- Books & Electronics room – Micki Beth & Laura Stiller
- Supplies/procurement – Steve Schloss, Phil Bernstein & Pete Ginsburg
- Matzah ball soup – Jenny Ives & Karen Lieberman
- Cook book sales – Myrna Rothfeder
- Parking/shuttle – Nikki Rothschild
- Photos – Sandy Lynn Stevens
- Decorations – Alison Williamson & Sharon McDaniel
- Drinks – Joe Finklestein
- Treasurer – Rubin Franco & Morris Capouya
- Tours & information – Rabbi Elliot Stevens
- Clean up – Marlon Cotton & crew
- Secretary, calendar, police – Gina Friday
- Challah loaves – Marlene Beringer & Aimee Harris
- Challah rolls – Frances Capouya
- Strudel – Susan Finklestein
- Curabies – Maxine Goldner & Lynne Ginsburg
- Cheesecakes – Steve Schloss & Jenny Ives
- Mondel bread – Sandy Lynn Stevens
- Rugelah – Sharon Berry & Akiko Bloom
- Praline matzah – Diane Weil

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Contributions to Funds

We greatly appreciate the people who support Temple Beth Or by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions. Those that are received after the 20th of the month will be in the next bulletin.

Floral Fund

In Memory of David R. Franco

Corinne F. Capilouto

General Fund

In Honor of Temple Beth Or

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In Memory of Harold Gubin

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

We miss our TBO family!

Terri and Adam Finkelstein

In Memory of Arthur B. Beringer, Jr.

Betty, Bob and Erik Goldberg

President's message, continued from page 2.

Some of these chairs have been doing the same job for all 13 years! That is impressive. For each item that is prepared there is a group that is so committed and reliable – this group is crucial to the Food Festival even happening and we depend on them every single year. It is work, but is it also a lot of fun. The cooking schedule is always printed in the bulletin and the Friday flyer. Extra hands are always welcome and it is a great way to meet people and get involved.

For the day of the Food Festival we need a lot of volunteers, so please contact Karen Goldstein and we will see you in a blue apron representing Temple Beth Or well on February 28th. I thank you in advance for making Food Festival 2016 a huge success. ☺

L'shalom

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Robert & Lorraine Lieberman
- 10 Jack & Gracie Hanchrow
- 21 Steve & LaNette Clein
- 28 Bobby & Susan Kohn

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Alan Weil Jr.
- 3 Mark Franco
- 5 Daniel Markstein
- 5 Gilson Capilouto
- 7 Allen Dees
- 12 Hugh Bolen
- 13 Lisa Weil
- 19 Hanna Berger
- 21 Barbara Leet
- 25 Carrie McKinney

Welcome to our newest members!

Stephanie and Joe Person

Jeanette Rousso

Jo Anne and Buddy Rousso



Friday, February 12, 6 PM

Shabbat Service.
TORAH READING AND
D'VAR TORAH.

YAHARZEITS

To be read February 5

- 1/31/2016 Isaac Cohen
- 1/31/2016 Herman Levine
- 2/1/2016 Abraham Feinman
- 2/3/2016 Carol Hart
- 2/3/2016 Sol Katz
- 2/4/2016 Leonard Botwinick
- 2/4/2016 Dr. John Herzfeld
- 2/4/2016 James L. (Jimmy) Loeb, Sr.
- 2/4/2016 Dr. Joseph Weinrib
- 2/6/2016 Goldie Lieberman

To be read February 12

- 2/9/2016 Edith Scheuer Weil
- 2/12/2016 Isaac Cohen
- 2/12/2016 Simanto Franco
- 2/13/2016 Bernard Bolen

To be read February 19

- 2/14/2016 Mathilde "Teal" L. Kohn
- 2/15/2016 Carol R. Loeb
- 2/15/2016 Edward A. Posner
- 2/15/2016 Edwin S. Wise, Jr.
- 2/16/2016 Eliot Capouya
- 2/16/2016 Cecily Wool
- 2/17/2016 Matilde Alhadeff
- 2/17/2016 Carolyn Abraham May
- 2/18/2016 Gloria Haas Shwarts
- 2/18/2016 Larry Toney
- 2/18/2016 Rossie Weil
- 2/20/2016 Gail Straus
- 2/20/2016 Miriam Weisberg

To be read February 26

- 2/21/2016 Dorothy Applebaum
- 2/21/2016 Ida Blacher Benis
- 2/21/2016 Dr. Morris Capilouto
- 2/23/2016 Herman Blotner
- 2/24/2016 Beulah "Bollie" Avzaradel
- 2/26/2016 Zipora Baylinson
- 2/26/2016 Samuel Blitz
- 2/26/2016 Louise Cooper
- 2/26/2016 Charles Strasburger
- 2/27/2016 Herbert F. Levy
- 2/28/2016 Wiley Levin
- 2/28/2016 Fred Richard
- 2/29/2016 Edward Franco

SISTERHOOD

It was wonderful to see so many members at our annual Sisterhood Shabbat. Thank you Aimee Harris for a delicious and beautiful wine and cheese reception prior to services. Sisterhood officers led a beautiful service prepared by Rabbi Stevens. The music was extra special that included Turia Stark Williams, a Sisterhood member along with Becky Taylor and Miriam Wyman. Leslie Sanders, Vice President of the Southern Division of Alabama Power Company was our guest speaker. Leslie spoke about progress, not only how it relates to growth within Montgomery, but also within Judaism. It was a treat for all of us to have her worship with us as well as speak.

We will be busy as we head into the next several months. Huntingdon College Night, Purim and our wonderful first night Seder are all in the works. I hope you will join us for all of these events. Also during this time, we will be working on a new slate of officers for the next two years. I hope you will consider a position when asked. Sisterhood has many responsibilities to the Temple that members have come to expect.

So with that comes leadership to continue. I have enjoyed serving as your President (for the second time) and look forward to a bright future.

I hope all of your calendars are marked for the Food Festival on Sunday February 28. The success of the last 11 years has totally come from everyone's involvement. With love and pride for our Temple, we want to share all that we do with the Montgomery community.

Karen Goldstein
Sisterhood President
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L'CHAIM LEAGUE

Relax and Refresh, as certified yoga instructor, **Kimberly Sabel**, demonstrates techniques that will benefit us all, on **Wednesday, February 24th at 2 p.m. at AI*EA Synagogue**. She is mindful that some of us will be sitting in chairs, and some will be on the floor with their yoga mats. There is no charge for this event and desserts will be served.

In March, we will tour the **Gaineswood Mansion in Demopolis**. This Greek Style Mansion was completed in 1861. It is considered to be one of Alabama's

Finest neoclassical mansions and one of American's most unusual neoclassical mansions. We will carpool from TBO parking lot. The date will be announced soon.

L'Chaim League offers many different opportunities for gatherings. Please join with us at any time.

Linda Smith
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Care Givers Committee

The Care Givers Committee is forming a lending program for Health Care related items such as canes, crutches, walkers, etc. etc. If you have any such items, please notify me what items you have. When someone needs to borrow an item, they will call me and I will have the item available to them. We appreciate your help. Thanks

Lucille Goldsmith
244-7925

JERUSALEM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA COMING TO OPELIKA

On Saturday evening, March 5, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra will be at the Center for the Performing Arts [1700 Lafayette Parkway] in Opelika, as part of a multi-week East Coast tour bringing the orchestra from Florida through Massachusetts.

Sandy Lynn and I are particularly looking forward to this concert as our Israeli son-in-law, Yonah Zur, will be performing as one of the orchestra's leading violinists. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, which traces its origins back to 1936, is known for having played a crucial role in shaping and developing the cultural sphere of the newly formed State of Israel. Since its inception as a small ensemble, the orchestra has emphasized the commissioning and performance of modern works, both Israeli and foreign, and they have performed throughout Israel and in many other countries.

Rabbi Stevens



TWO STUDY OPPORTUNITIES WITH RABBI STEVENS

1. Join Rabbi Stevens for a 5-part series on Midrash, running January into February. All Midrash classes are Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.:

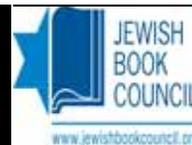
January 5, **Part I:** Adam and Eve
 January 12, **Part II:** Noah
 January 19, **Part III:** Abraham & Sarah.
 January 26, **Part IV:** Jacob.
 February 9, **Part V:** Moses.

2. Rabbi Stevens hosts five adult education sessions that will explore contemporary issues in such areas as medical ethics; technology; social and business issues; ritual, Jewish identity and others. A GUIDE TO THE COMPLEX. Classes are Tuesdays at 12:00 PM

February 16, Class 1. • February 23, Class 2.
 March 1, Class 3. • March 8, Class 4.
 March 15, Class 5.

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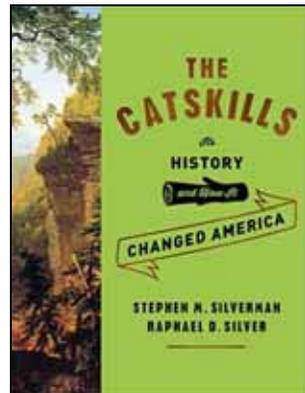


FUTURE GUEST AUTHOR:

Thursday, March 17, 7 PM

Jewish Book Council author Stephen M. Silverman discusses his book *The Catskills: Its History and How It Changed America* telling of the turning points that made the Catskills so vital to the development of America.

Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blaschleger Lecture and Culture Series.



Review: Publishers Weekly, 08/31/2015

Borscht-Belt frolics are but a part of the cultural innovations nurtured in upstate New York's scenic Catskill mountain range, according to this lively illustrated history. Journalist Silverman (David Lean) and the late filmmaker Silver explore the region's contributions to American literature (it's the setting for Washington Irving's Rip Van Winkle yarn and James Fenimore Cooper's frontier sagas), art (it inspired the Hudson River School of effulgent landscape painting), and politics (it saw a revolt by tenant farmers against landlords in the 1840s and is now a hotbed of antifracking activism). Much of the book follows the Catskills' role as incubator of the hospitality and entertainment industries, from the 19th-century Catskill Mountain House, whose sublime views made guests weep, to the area's 20th-century heyday as Jewish New York's vacation mecca, when it forged the model of immersive Las Vegas-style resorts and spawned generations of entertainers from Sid Caesar to Jerry Seinfeld. At the cultural antipode, the Catskills also hosted the 1969 Woodstock rock festival. Stuffed with interesting sidebars and biographical sketches, the authors' loose-limbed text meanders along many an intriguing byway of quaint and forgotten lore. Readers will enjoy this absorbing browse through a multifaceted regional history that's deeper than its surface glitz might suggest. Color photos.



Sixty years after fleeing Vienna, Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren), an elderly Jewish woman, attempts to reclaim family possessions that were seized by the Nazis. Among them is a famous portrait of Maria's beloved Aunt Adele: Gustave Klimt's "Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I." With the help of young lawyer Randy Schoenberg (Ryan Reynolds), Maria embarks upon a lengthy legal battle to recover this painting and several others, but it will not be easy, for Austria considers them national treasures.

Temple Beth Or Mitzvah Day

in partnership with the Social Justice and Membership Committees

Saturday, April 2, 2016



MITZVAH DAY



SAVE THE DATE!

Times to be announced soon.

Save Saturday, April 2 for a very special experience at Temple Beth Or – Mitzvah Day! That’s the day we’ll be volunteering in groups around town in keeping with the Jewish value of *Tikkun Olam* – making our world a better place.

Our Social Concerns Committee (Corinne C. Capilouto, chair) and Membership Committee (Steve Clein and Bob Weisberg, co-chairs) have made arrangements with a number of agencies in Montgomery who look forward to our volunteer program. Mitzvah Day projects have been identified suitable for teen-agers through our elders and everyone in between. Special bonus: after an afternoon of volunteer service, we’ll gather back at Temple for a reception. What a wonderful way to spend a Shabbat – and get connected with each other!

Every mitzvah is an act of redemption. We hope Mitzvah Day will inspire us to go beyond the day’s events and make every day a Mitzvah Day. Let April 2nd be a new beginning for you. You will be able choose from one of the projects on the right side of this page. You will receive an online form (paper forms will be mailed to those without email addresses). One day will not perfect the world, but one day the world will be perfect. Each good deed brings us one step closer. Multiply that single deed by hundreds and the value of Mitzvah Day becomes clear. We can - all of us together - make the world a better place. So take a moment to become part of our 1st Mitzvah Day!

Family Sunshine Center

858 South Court Street 36104

About: The Family Sunshine Center exists to end family violence and sexual assault and foster hope and healing in seven Alabama counties.

Friendship Mission

312 Chisholm Street 36110

About: Friendship Mission provides shelter for homeless women and children.

Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama

About: Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place!

Tails End Thrift Store at Humane Society of Elmore County

255 Central Plank Road (Hwy 9), Wetumpka 36092

About: The Humane Society works to insure the best possible quality of life for animals, to prevent cruelty to animals, to stop pet overpopulation, to strive for the humane care, treatment, and well-being of all animals through education and information and to promote public health and safety in regards to human and animal interaction.

House to House

1623 Mobile Road 36108

About: The mission of House to House is to partner with Common Ground to transform the Washington Park area and its residents by participating in many forms of neighborhood redevelopment.

Hospice of Montgomery

1111 Holloway Park 36117

About: Hospice of Montgomery offers physical, spiritual and emotional support to end-of-life patients and their families.

MACOA Frozen Meals

Cooking will take place at TBO on Mitzvah Day.

About: Over 1,600 seniors receive needed nourishment through the frozen food programs in Montgomery and Autauga counties.

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CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Each child of a member(s) in good standing of Temple Beth Or is eligible for financial assistance to offset the registration fee to attend an overnight Jewish Youth camp. Each camper shall be eligible for up to \$500 to attend a four-week session or \$250 to attend a two-week session. All financial awards are at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of Temple Beth Or.

Contact the Temple office for an application.
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15TH.

Alvin Steinhart Scholarships for Postsecondary Education are now available. Applicants must be:

- Jewish
- Members of Temple Beth Or
- Graduating High School Seniors or Current College Students

Applications are available through the Temple office. Deadline for submission is April 1st. Please contact Diane Weil at dianeweil@me.com if you need further information.



Hosted by JFCA's Sh'lichah

Dana Korem

February 9 ■ 7:00 PM at TBO

Come to learn about the "newest form of Zionism," the people behind this phenomenon and what causes it- based on the book "The Start-Up Nation" by Dan Senor and Saul Singer.



February 24 ■ 2:00 PM at AIEA

L'Chaim League hosts Kimberly Sabel, a yoga instructor, who will teach relaxation techniques. Location, AIEA. Desserts and coffee served.





Joint Purim Service

Agudath Israel✡Etz Ahayem and Temple Beth Or

Wednesday, March 23 at 6 PM

Joint Purim Service at AIEA



MAZEL TOV!!

SAMUEL ELI CUTTER,
born January 15, 2016,
5 ¾ lbs., 18 inches.

Parents are David and Anna
Stevens Cutter

Grandparents are Sandy Lynn
and Elliot Stevens

Kol Ami Religious School	
At Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem	
AIEA	
2/7	
2/14	
2/21	
2/28-No Religion School	
3/6	
3/13	
3/20-24 th is Purim	
3/27	

BEDTIME BUNDLES

Here is the total of items Temple members donated for our Bedtime Bundles project, benefiting the unfortunate children treated by of Child Protect:

- 12 pr. pajamas
- 1 coverall
- 16 stuffed animals
- 4 pr. slippers
- 2 knit hats
- 1 pr. knit gloves
- 5 pillows
- 2 pillow cases
- 5 throws/blankets
- 51 underpants
- 40 pr. socks
- 6 coloring books
- 4 journals
- 1 journal set
- 1 flashlight
- 14 pkgs. crayons/pencils/markers
- 2 pkgs. of toothbrushes
- 3 headbands
- 6 toys
- 1 necklace
- 26 books



Thanks to everyone who participated for your generosity!

Louisa H. Weinrib

HUNTINGDON COLLEGE NIGHT AT TBO - MARCH 11

Once again, Temple Beth Or welcomes religion students and faculty of Huntingdon College to our temple for a program of discussion and worship, followed by a reception. This long-standing custom has proven to be important to both communities.

On Friday evening, March 11, Rabbi Stevens will make an opening presentation to our guests at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The students and faculty in the Department of Religion will then join us for services, after which our Sisterhood will host a reception open to all. Please welcome our guests, and join us for this special service.



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 13th.



Time to Spring Ahead

Friday • February 5 • 6 PM

Shabbat service in the social hall followed by a cold pot-luck supper.

If your name begins with:

A-Q please bring a vegetable or salad.

If R-Z please bring a dessert.

Temple will provide meat and drinks.



JUMP *SAVE THE DATES!*
into **JACOBS**
at
FAMILY CAMP 2016

March 11 – 13, 2016

Fun and excitement permeate everything in Garin, giving campers a spirited experience they will not forget. Emphasis is placed on a well-balanced program of recreation and education, with an attentive staff to guide the way!

**SPEND A WEEKEND AT
3863 MORRISON ROAD IN UTICA**

Climb the tower. Try your hand at arts & crafts.
Get behind the wheel of a boat, and more!

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Save the date!

Friday, April 22

First Seder. Seating will begin at 5:30 PM, with the service to begin promptly at 6:00. Shabbat worship: 5:15 - 5:45 PM.

See March's Bulletin for Registration Form and details.

OUR SOLDIERS, OUR HEART

JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF ALABAMA,
THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF CENTRAL ALABAMA AND THE JEWISH FEDERATION
OF MOBILE AREA INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR SPECIAL TZEDAKAH PROJECT
FOR THE SOLDIERS OF BATTALION 12, GOLANI BRIGADE.

LET'S SHOW OUR SOUTHERN SUPPORT AND MAKE IT A VERY HAPPY PURIM FOR THEM
BY SENDING GREETING LETTERS AND DONATING FUNDS FOR PURIM PACKAGES-
"MISHLOACH MANOT". WE WISH TO RAISE ENOUGH MONEY FOR 100 PACKAGES. EVERY DONATION COUNTS!
ALL LETTERS AND DONATIONS SHOULD BE SENT BY FEBRUARY 8TH TO THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF
CENTRAL ALABAMA- POST OFFICE BOX 20058, MONTGOMERY AL 36120.

EVERY DOLLAR DONATED WILL GO DIRECTLY TO RAISE THE SPIRIT OF OUR BELOVED SOLDIERS IN ISRAEL!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL OR EMAIL OUR COMMUNITY SHLICHIM:

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of Central Alabama



In partnership with



L'Chaim League Event on January 12th with JFCA's Dana Korem



FROM OUR COMMUNITY SH'LICHA, DANA

“All you need is love” declared the Beatles, and who am I to argue with that? Well, it is February so talking about love is very appropriate. But if you’ll excuse me, I would like to dedicate my article to a different kind of love- the love of Israel, Zionism.

I must start with a little confession. I did not always love and appreciate Israel as I do today. And I definitely never refer to myself as a Zionist. As a born and raised Israeli, I sinned by taking Israel for granted. I did not realize the importance and the significance of this land, and when I studied history in school, it was mostly in order to get good grades on my exams. And even though I lived in Israel during the Second Intifada and the Second Lebanon War, it never really affected me.

It was only when I joined the army that I started to question myself about my feeling towards Israel. When military service is mandatory you don’t ask yourself why you are doing it- it is just the way it is. This is how Israeli kids are educated, everybody joins the IDF after graduating high school. So I did, I joined the army, and when my commander asked me why I’m here, my answer was “because I have to.”

I always consider myself as very lucky when it comes to my experience in the IDF. I served in the Education Corps, guided tours in Jerusalem, and taught combat soldiers about the history of the Jewish people and the State of Israel. I believe that in order to really love someone, or something, you have to learn a lot about it, to get to know every little detail- that’s what happened to me. I fell in love with the country and its people, but still, I didn’t feel this “Zionism” everybody else talked about

around me. When I’m thinking about Zionism I imagine the pioneers who left their families and their whole lives, just to make Aliyah and to establish a Jewish State. So if I have done nothing for this country, and never had to sacrifice something in order to live here, how can I call myself a Zionist? How can I compare myself to great men and women who gave everything in order to build the state? Must Zionism be related with sacrifice? What if I just love Israel, but don’t make any kind of effort for it- am I a Zionist?

The term “Zionism” was created more than a hundred years ago. Is it still relevant? Nowadays, after having a state for almost 68 years, are there more modern ways to express your Zionism?

It took me awhile to find my answers, and about some of them I still ponder. Personally, I think Theodor Herzl, Father of Zionism, answer these questions the best: “I once called Zionism an endless ideal, and I truly believe that even after obtaining our land, Israel will not cease being an ideal. Because on Zionism, as I understand it, included not only the aspiration to a lawfully promised land, but also the aspiration to a traditional-ethical wholeness.”

I cannot argue with Herzl as well- Zionism is an endless ideal. Having a Jewish state is important, but it is not the only goal. There are so many ways to show your love to Israel, and different things that need to be done in order to develop it.

I’m excited to invite y’all to participate in my programs and events for this month, which are going to be all about love and Zionism:

“Our Soldiers, Our Heart”: this year, for our annual Tzedakah Project, we decided to make

a very Happy Purim for our beloved soldiers. Furthermore, we are involving all the Jewish communities in Alabama, in order to show the soldiers



what a real Southern love is. All you need to do is to write greeting letters for the soldiers- feel free to add you email or phone number so you will get a response. We are also raising funds to buy them special Purim packages- “Mishloach Manot.” Please send letters and donations to the Federation no later than February 8th. For more details read the attached flyer or contact me.

February 9th Café Israel: The Start-Up Nation, at Temple Beth Or from 7:00-8:00 pm. Come to learn about the “newest form of Zionism,” the people behind this phenomenon and what causes it- based on the book “The Start-Up Nation” by Dan Senor and Saul Singer.

Last but not least- February 14th Valentine’s Day Hebrew Lesson: Join me at my apartment at 4:30 pm, to learn how to express your love in Hebrew, using Israeli poetry. Please RSVP by February 9th, and contact me for directions.

Shalom,
Dana

February is TBO's Jewish Food Festival Month! Have you submitted your volunteer registration?

**NEW!!
ONLINE REGISTRATION**

**WE NEED YOU !!
Sunday February 28th**

If you have email, you should have received an online form to fill out and return to volunteer for the Food Festival. Please send back ASAP as we are less than a month away. For those who do not have email, you should have received a form in the mail. You can either mail to me or call me at: 265-1145. We need each and every one of you!

Karen Goldstein

2016 Food Festival and Treasure & Collectible Market



**Sunday, February 28
9:00 AM until 2:00 PM**

We will continue to take the following items for the Treasure and Collectible Market through Friday, February 19th.

Furniture – gently used and in good shape

Lamps

Bric-a-Brac

Jewelry

Silver

Complete sets of dishes and flatware

Serving trays

Serving dishes

Serving bowls

Art and decorative wall hangings

Children toys

Baby Equipment or toys



This year we are expanding our book collection and would appreciate Cookbooks (especially Jewish cookbooks), Art books, Coffee Table books, and, of course, any other books you would like to donate.

Note: We have rooms available now! Please bring your items to the Temple on Tuesday – Friday of any week. We cannot accept used, large TVs, broken items of any sort, and we are not accepting clothing.

The Annual Food Festival and Treasure & Collectible Market is our only fundraiser for TBO. Participating in the kitchen and serving on one of the various committees is a great way to meet fellow congregants and is a lot of fun. If you have not participated in the past and would like to take a more active role, please call or email me. We encourage you to participate, and have several committees that would welcome a co-chair. I'll be happy to explain the various committees and commitments to you so you can work any of the various tasks into your schedule.

Looking forward to another successful event in 2016!!!

Jenny Ives, Chair
334-546-2521
jjives@charter.net

2016 Food Festival Cooking Schedule. Cooking time begins at 9 AM unless otherwise noted. Time and dates are subject to change so please call the Temple to confirm times.

February 4	Curabies	Lynne Ginsburg, 546-9894/lynnepete@charter.net
February 7	Latkes	Susan Bernstein, 281-4340/susanbernstein@gmail.com
February 8	Praline Matzah	Diane Weil, 324-7550/dianeweil@me.com
February 17	Kugel	Kelly Capouya, 244-9638/kncapouya@gmail.com

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Future events !

Tuesday, March 1, 12 PM, Rabbi Stevens hosts five adult education sessions that will explore contemporary issues in such areas as medical ethics; technology; social and business issues; ritual, Jewish identity and others. A GUIDE TO THE COMPLEX: Class 3.

Friday, March 4, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Saturday, March 5, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Sunday, March 6, 3 PM, Informational meeting to discuss potential merger. Members only.

Tuesday, March 8, 12 PM, Rabbi Stevens hosts five adult education sessions that will explore contemporary issues in such areas as medical ethics; technology; social and business issues; ritual, Jewish identity and others. A GUIDE TO THE COMPLEX: Class 4.

Friday, March 11, 6 PM, Huntingdon College Night Shabbat Service and reception.

Sunday, March 13, 3 PM, The Men's Club will be showing the movie "Woman in Gold" with Helen Mirren. Snacks served. TBO Social Hall. All are invited!

Tuesday, March 15, 12 PM, Rabbi Stevens hosts five adult education sessions that will explore contemporary issues in such areas as medical ethics; technology; social and business issues; ritual, Jewish identity and others. A GUIDE TO THE COMPLEX: Class 5.

Thursday, March 17, 7 PM, Jewish Book Council author Stephen M. Silverman discusses his book "The Catskills: Its History and How It Changed America" telling of the turning points that made the Catskills so vital to the development of America. Sponsored by the Rothschild-Blachschleger Lecture and Culture Series.

Tuesday, March 22, 5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

Wednesday, March 23, 6 PM, Joint Purim service at Agudath Israel*Etz Ahayem.

Wednesday, April 6, 9:30 - Noon, AUM Holocaust Education Program. Location: AUM Athletic Complex.

Friday, April 8, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Saturday, April 9, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Friday, April 22, 5:15 PM, First Seder. Seating will begin at 5:30 PM, with the service to begin promptly at 6:00. Shabbat worship:

Save the date: March 13 at 3 PM: The Men's Club will be showing the movie "Woman in Gold" starring Helen Mirren. Snacks served. TBO Social Hall. All are invited!

5:15 - 5:45 PM.

Tuesday, April 26, 5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

Sunday, May 1, 3:30 PM, Community Interfaith Holocaust Memorial Service at TBO.

Friday, May 6, 6 PM, Shabbat service in the social hall followed by a cold pot-luck supper. If your name begins with A-Q please bring a vegetable or salad. If R-Z please bring a dessert. Temple will provide meat and drinks.

Saturday, May 14, 10 AM, 2016: Isabella Capouya's Bat Mitzvah.

Sunday, May 15, TBD, JFCA Israel Independence Celebration.

Friday, May 20, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Tuesday, May 24, 5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting.

Thursday, May 26, 6:16 PM, Reception and Annual Meeting at 6:15 PM. Reception with heavy h'orderves precedes at 5:30 PM. Members only.

Friday, June 10, 6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.

Saturday, June 18, 9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served.

Saturday, August 27, 10 AM, 2016: Nathan McKinney's Bar Mitzvah.

Sunday, October 2, 7:30 PM, Rosh Hashanah Eve Service - followed by Annual Reception.

Monday, October 3, 1:00 PM, Tashlich at Museum of Fine Arts lake. Bring your own bread!

Monday, October 3, 10:00 AM, Rosh Hashanah Morning Service.

Monday, October 3, 10:30 AM, Children's Service in Library

Friday, October 7, 6:00 PM, Shabbat Shuvah.

Sunday, October 9, 10:30 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Etz Ahayem Cemetery (new section)

Sunday, October 9, 11:00 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Etz Ahayem Cemetery (old section)

Sunday, October 9, 9:30 AM, Cemetery Memorial Service: Eternal Rest Cemetery

Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 PM, Kol Nidrei Eve.

The Jewish Federation
of Central Alabama



*When scheduling
calendar events
involving the
Temple it is*

*important that you check dates with the
Federation and the Temple for potential
conflicts within the Jewish community. Their
number is 277-5820, and you can view the
community calendar at
www.jewishmontgomery.org.*

NEED HELP GETTING AROUND DURING SERVICES?

A wheelchair and walker are stored in the coat closet and are available to members and guests during Temple events.

*If you have accumulated
unused Temple Beth Or
donation envelopes
please feel free to drop
them off at the Temple
office so they may be
reused.*

We would like to know. Please call the temple office when a family member is in the hospital or ailing. Too often we find out about illnesses, crises and hospitalizations long after they occur. This is a missed opportunity for the calls and visits the rabbi would like to share. Please let the temple know if there is a concern in your family or another congregation family (with their permission).

We need your help in order to offer ours.

February 2016

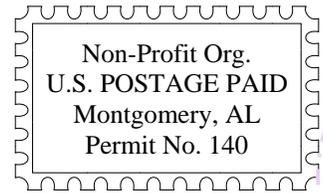
Want an updated look at what's going on at Temple? Go to www.templebethor.net.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>6 PM Shabbat service followed by cold, pot-luck dinner.</i> <i>Birthday and anniversary blessings.</i>	6
7 <i>9:30 AM, Religion School at AIEA</i>	8	9 <i>12:00 PM, Adult Ed: TALES FROM THE MIDRASH</i> <i>7 PM, JFCA's Sh'lichah's Café Israel at TBO hosted by Dana Korem.</i>	10	11	12 <i>6 PM, Shabbat Service. TORAH READING AND D'VAR TORAH.</i>	13
14 <i>9:30 AM, Religion School at AIEA</i>	15	16 <i>12:00 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a five-part series A GUIDE TO THE COMPLEX</i> <i>5:45 PM, Temple Beth Or Board Meeting</i>	17	18	19 <i>6:00 PM Shabbat Service</i>	20 <i>9:30 AM, Shabbat morning service and Torah study with Rabbi Stevens. Light brunch served</i>
21 <i>9:30 AM, Religion School at AIEA</i>	22	23 <i>12:00 PM, Adult Ed: Rabbi Stevens offers a five-part series A GUIDE TO THE COMPLEX</i>	24 <i>2 PM, L'Chaim League hosts Kimberly Sabel, a yoga instructor at AIEA</i>	25	26 <i>6:00 PM Shabbat Service</i>	27
28 <i>9:30 AM, NO Religion School</i>  <i>9 AM - 2 PM</i>	29					

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Saturday, April 2
1 - 4 p.m.
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